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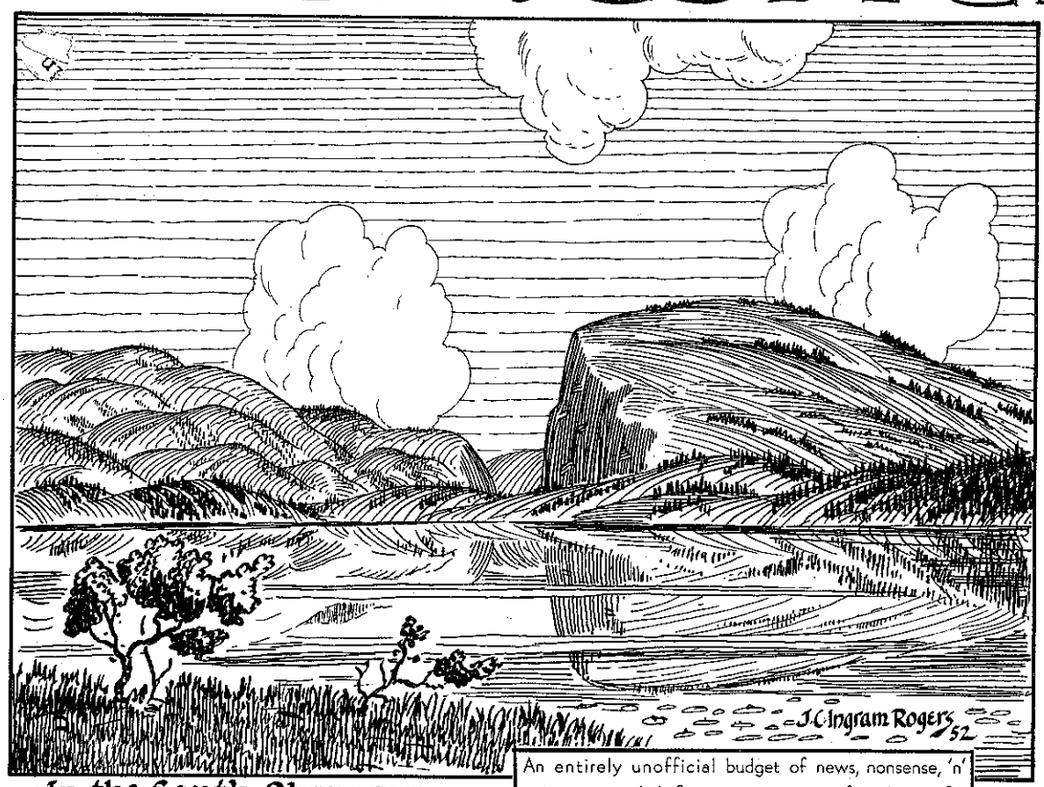

~In the South Okanagan~

An entirely unofficial budget of news, nonsense, 'n' opinion compiled from time to time for the profit, amusement, and annoyance of the staff. * * *

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PRACTICAL FOREST RESEARCH

By R.H. Spilsbury
Forester, Research Div'n.

The B.C. Forest Service first came into being in 1912, following the passage of the Forest Act by the Provincial Legislature. In the early days there was no formal research organization although, from 1919 to 1926, a number of permanent growth and yield plots were established by members of the District and Headquarters staffs. These have been maintained and today are the nucleus of a fairly extensive series of permanent plots. During this same period, several regeneration studies were made on the Coast and in the Interior.

In 1924 an area of 6,100 acres at Aleza Lake in the northern, spruce-balsam type forests, was reserved for experimental purposes. The Cowichan Lake Experiment Station was created in 1929 when 402 acres were set aside for studies in Douglas fir. These stations were later enlarged to 17,775 acres and 789 acres respectively.

It was not until 1927 that all research work was brought together and organized as a Research Division. This organization continued until 1939 when the Research and Surveys Divisions were amalgamated to form the Forest Economics Division. This Division operated until the end of 1950 when Research and Surveys were again re-organized as separate divisions.

The history of the Research Division has seen a considerable fluctuation in personnel. By 1930 the staff had been built up to nine individuals. Following the depression, the number was reduced to three, in 1936. During the war years the number remained stationary at five although there was a considerable turn-over of personnel. Following the war there has been a steady expansion and today there is a permanent technical staff of twelve.

At the present time, the Cowichan Lake Experiment Station is the centre for a considerable number of studies. On the station property, thinning experiments will probably continue to be the main interest. The increasing number of pulp mills and the demand for second growth timber are going to be very real factors in the future, justifying our present emphasis on thinning studies. In this connection we are undertaking economic studies of present values that may be obtained from second growth fir and hemlock stands. We are also undertaking more basic studies on the effects of cleaning and early thinnings with the object of developing merchantable thinnings at the earliest possible age.

From this centre we are continuing a number of studies under the general heading of regeneration. Under natural regeneration we are continuing to study the seeding habits of Douglas fir and the influence of various factors such as seed-bed burning, distance from seed source, and rodents upon germination, survival, and stocking. In connection with rodents, we are studying their life history, populations at different seasons, and effectiveness of different poisons (rodents are voracious eaters of fir seed). Under artificial regeneration a study on direct seeding is delayed pending further information on rodent-control. Another project dealing with artificial regeneration is nursery fertility as it affects field survival of planted stock.

The Aleza Lake Experiment Station, east of Prince George, was established with the object of demonstrating sustained-yield forestry in a mature spruce-balsam forest. There are several alternative methods of logging these stands, such as clear cutting, (with or without burning), selective cutting, and various forms of patch logging.

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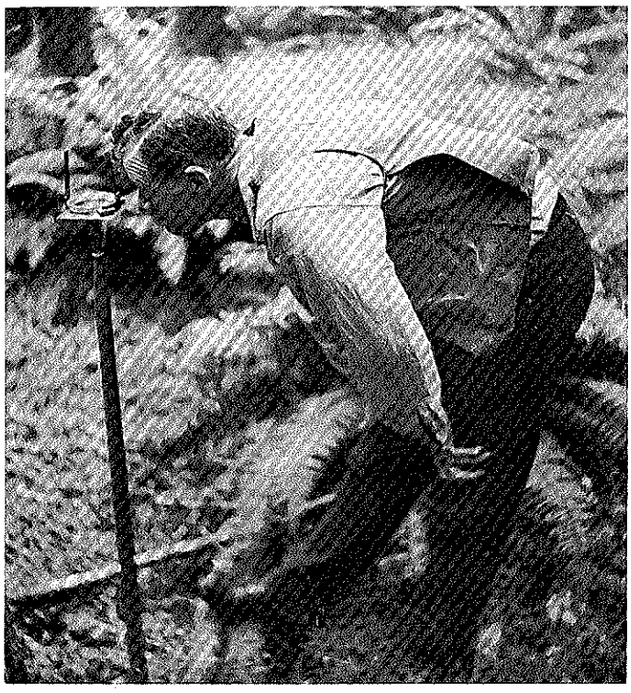

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The problem in all cases, however, is one of regeneration. From our present knowledge, spruce is difficult and slow to regenerate. Also, under certain conditions of burning, birch, aspen, and lodgepole pine may become established as a pre-climax type. Thus there are a number of problems each with several aspects upon which we hope to concentrate more in the immediate future.

From this northern centre we hope to undertake thinning studies and here there are several possible objectives. One of these is in pre-climax types where we hope to demonstrate how economic cuts can be made in inferior species such as birch, aspen, lodgepole pine, and balsam at relatively young ages and at the same time favour regeneration of spruce in the understory and release a vigorous residual stand for a later selective cut. Another aspect will be to determine the possibilities of initial cleaning at young ages to obtain maximum release for an economic thinning at a later date. A third aspect, somewhat like the first and not truly a thinning, will be to demonstrate the possibilities of maintaining a thrifty, true-selection forest.

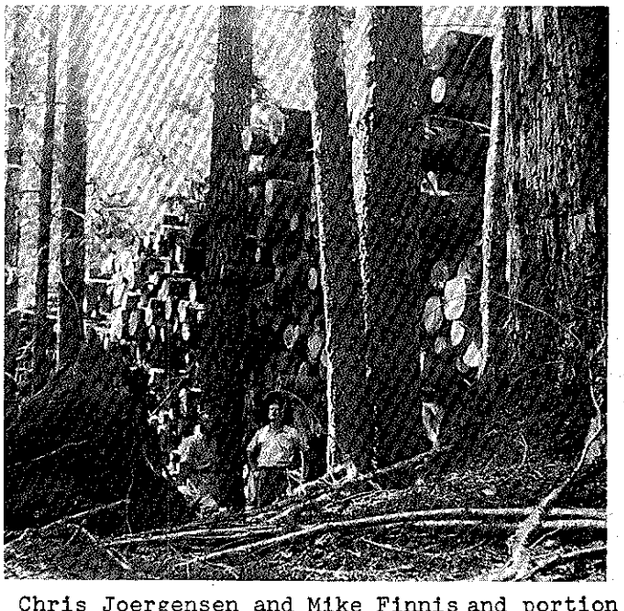
There is always the possibility that adequate regeneration will not be compatible with the economic limitations of practical logging, in which case artificial methods of regeneration must be considered. This subject is one upon which at least preliminary investigations should be undertaken in the near future.

Before and after thinning on Commercial Thinning Operation, 50-year-old stand, Cowichan Lake.

The problem of management of mature and immature stands of different species and in other Districts must receive attention as soon as research personnel become available for an expanded program.

A start has been made on a study of logging methods at Bolean Lake in the Kamloops District. This involves several years of intensive study followed by periodic examinations for many years after.

Growth and yield studies have been carried on for many years and we now have nearly 1,000 permanent plots, some having been in existence since 1919. Over the next few years a great deal of valuable data will be accumulating on growth aspects of natural stands. However, the present trend is toward thinking in terms of managed stands and, to keep abreast of this trend, the various thinning studies already discussed will be the basis of growth statistics for managed second growth stands. Inevitably we will be committed to remeasurements of a tremendous number of plots which will involve an equal amount of compilation and analysis.



Chris Joergensen and Mike Finnis and portion of thinnings at Cowichan Lake Operation.

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Another type of study for which we receive requests concerns methods of doing things. At the present time we are concerned with methods of acquiring inventory data with particular reference to statistical analysis for precision control. The question of method is most important whenever data are being collected, for, if its use can be anticipated, much needless work can be eliminated and proper emphasis placed on essential details.

An important field in which we feel we are pioneering concerns ecological studies. These studies are based on the assumption that the lesser vegetation (mosses, herbs, shrubs, etc.) are growing in harmony with and, therefore, indicative of specific growth factors such as soil moisture, nutrients, temperature, texture, and drainage. One phase of this work consists of identifying the plant association and correlating this association with the productivity capacity of the site in terms of tree growth. Another phase concerns studying the growth factors of each association in terms of their influence upon regeneration, succession, and composition of resultant stands. Each year we are finding new relationships that are basic to silvicultural knowledge and practice.

In this brief review of the work of the Research Division it should be apparent that our work is essentially practical in nature. If a statement of policy is required, then our aim is to provide the answers to problems of forest management that exist today or can be anticipated in the future. Part of our efforts are directed to answer specific questions and part to furnish background information essential to an intelligent approach to specific problems.

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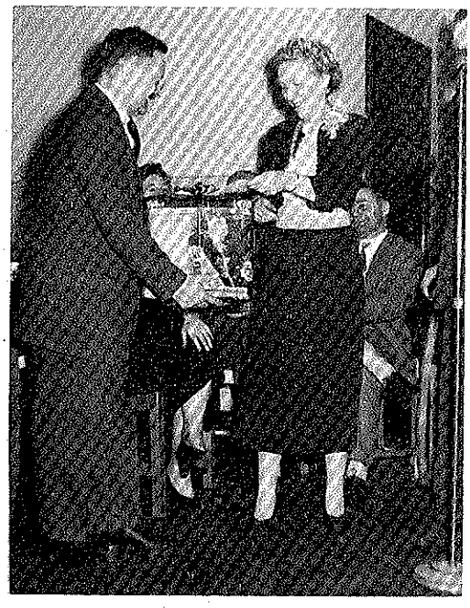

Left: Presentation to Colonel and Mrs. Parlow at the Ranger Meeting Dance. Gifts from the Kamloops Office Staff included a record player and an electric kettle.

Below: One of the more suspense-fire moments from the dramatic pantomime staged by Noman's Theatre Group at the recent Kamloops Ranger Meeting. "Villain" Hewlett is grinding his teeth while "Hero" Bill Smith struggles vainly to get his six-gallon hat off his ten-gallon head. "Loveable" Fraser seems to have forgotten her lines, while "Momma" Dixon wonders if perhaps money is better than love in the long run.

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Welcome

As a result of "The Big Move", we welcome Lorne Swannell, our new District Forester, and Eric Robinson, head of Management. An earlier arrival from Prince George was Harry Barwell who is now Management Clerk. We wish them success on their transfers to Kamloops and trust they will soon be happily settled in new homes.

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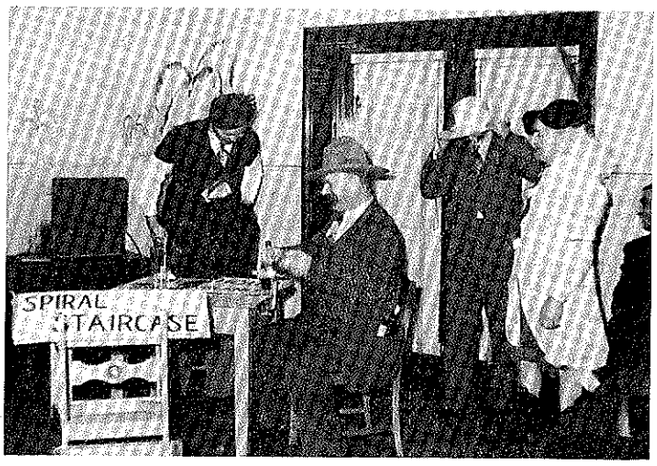

Good Luck, Boys

A stag party was held after 5 o'clock on April 4th to bid au revoir to Cy Phillips and Jack Payne on their departure from Kamloops to take up appointments at Prince George and Nelson respectively.

Colonel Parlow proposed the toast to wish them every success in their new positions, with which all members of the Kamloops staff join.

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Promotion

We offer our congratulations to Ralph Johnston on his promotion to Assistant District Forester.

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Departure

Farewell to Jack Smythe, Mechanical Inspector, who recently left the Service to join Syd Smith Ltd., Garage Properietors, as Service Manager. Good luck, Jack, in your new venture.

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Transfer

Five years ago Al Paulsen arrived to take up duties in the Kamloops Grazing Division. As soon as he received the honour of being the fieldman with the longest unbroken record of service in the Kamloops Forest District, it was decided he should

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move to Nelson. Best wishes, Al and Rosie, in your new home.

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EASTER MIGRATION

Was it the promise of Spring or the lure of the fashion shops which prompted the visit of the younger set to Vancouver over the Easter weekend?

Despite minor troubles with flat tires and faulty fuel pumps, all cars arrived safely, if somewhat later than the scheduled E.T.A. (expected time of arrival). The vivid descriptions of the beauty of Stanley Park wreathed in daffodils and crocuses, the smooth sambas of Dal Richards, and the gay partying, convinced us that the migration to the metropolis was indeed worthwhile.

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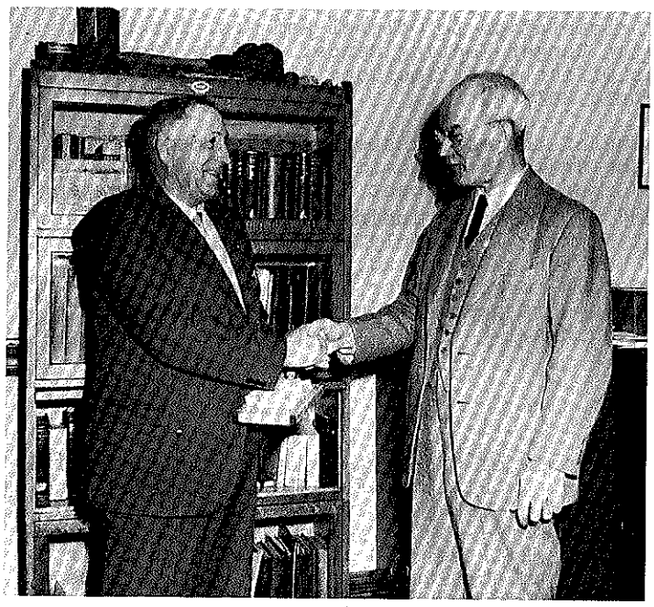
JIM MACDONALD RETIRES

After thirty-eight years of outstanding endeavour in the Forest Service, retirement on superannuation was officially marked for J.G. (Jim) MacDonald, Superintendent, Forest Service Marine Station, by a brief but sincere presentation ceremony held in the office of the Deputy Minister on April 30, 1952.



Jim MacDonald and The Chief

One of the more widely known of all Forest Officers, Jim MacDonald was born in Inverness, Scotland, in 1887, and received his first permanent appointment as Ranger in the Fort George District in 1914. By 1918 he had become District Forester of that District, a position he held until 1920 when he became District Supervisor, Vancouver Island. Over the period of the next twenty-odd years Jim ran the gamut of transfers and appointments as Fire Inspector, both at Vancouver and Kamloops, Supervisor, Kamloops, and in 1943 Assistant Forester, Vancouver.

In 1946, Jim "came home to roost" in his greatest love and pride - the Marine Station - where he served as Superintendent until his retirement.

His contributions to the Forest Service have been many and varied and taken the form of everything from the now famous Bennett-MacDonald Fire Pump and its predecessor the MacDonald Pump, to more nebulous but vitally important things such as outstanding devotion to the work at hand and the ability to instill something called "team spirit" into those with whom he worked.

On making the presentation to Jim of a suitcase, wallet, and Presentation Book, Dr. Orchard spoke with feeling of Jim's career in the Service and of the "old days" when they were working in the field together.

Jim was also the recipient of an engraved wristwatch presented to him by R.C. (Bob) Swan of the Marine Station on behalf of the boys at the Station.

Our sincere wishes for a long and happy retirement, Jim. You've earned it!

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Marine Station News

The new Superintendent of the Marine Station is Harry H. Hill who has been Mechanical Inspector for the Vancouver District for the past few years. Our congratulations to you on your promotion, Harry!

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On retiring from the Service, Mr. G. Willis, boatbuilder, was presented with a lovely Kroehler rocking chair by his fellow employees at the Marine Station. We hope the rocker is as comfortable as it looks!

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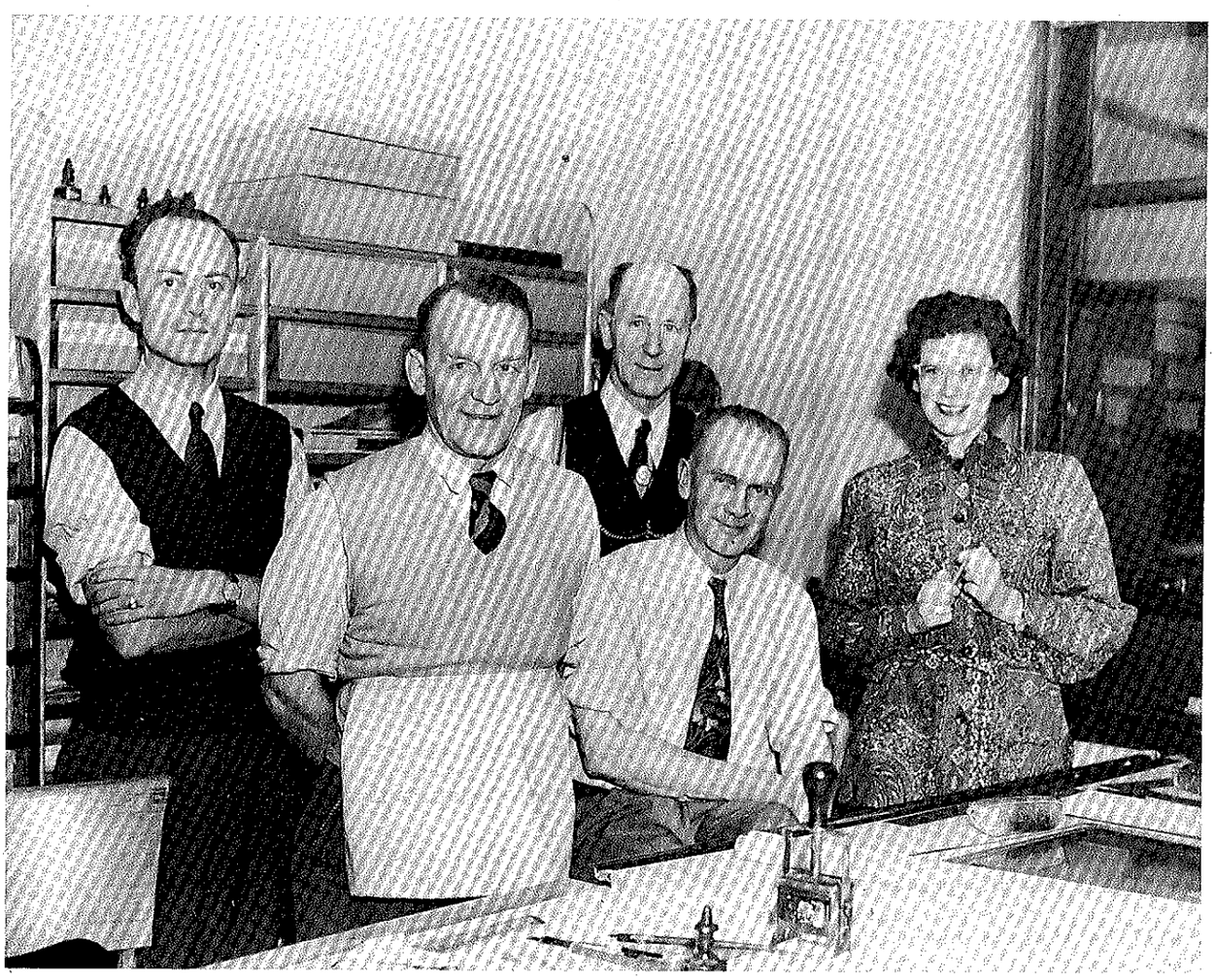
VANCOUVER DISTRICT

We ourselves cannot be held responsible for the following, which at first glance we thought would be a thrilling story of some great Rogues' Gallery Robbery, with pictorial evidence of the loot. Instead, for better or worse, we present an Illustrated, Unabridged contribution received from the members of our Draughting Office.

The Draughting Office Staff is today housed in a room unto itself, on the sixth floor of the Marine Building. Businesswise, the draughting office is just as closely combined and interwoven with the other offices as before, but to the unknowing, casual observer its new location gives an impression of individuality. If for no other reason than this apparent individuality, we invite you to join us in a short visit to the Draughting Office.

"602 British Columbia Forest Service, Draughting Office", is what we read on the door before us. What awaits therein? Should we? Come on, lets live dangerously. We enter. Immediately in front of us is a small counter, and on the counter a standard-size telephone. Behind the counter, two rows of draughting tables, and at each table a draughtsman intent upon his work. Against the walls, in corners, here and there, in fact everywhere, are file cabinets, shelving for file cases and stationery, duplicating machines (including the five human ones these number six), et cetera. Quite the sort of things to be seen in a business office - with, of course, emphasis on the map cabinets, wall maps and charts, spectroscope (we shall have to look into this further - possibly our stereoscope is a spectroscope in disguise!) - So far, so good! We haven't been attacked yet but still we must be ever on our guard. Our well-being may be due to the fact that we haven't been noticed yet, our draughtsmen evidently displaying their usual measure of intentness. One noticeable feature of the room is that it is not too well lit - naturally, (although we dropped in one night after the stock market had closed unusually high, and found the room quite well lit - unnaturally!)

The two windows on the far side do not allow much sunlight to penetrate, but do provide a view for the observer within looking out. And gad! what a view! What a marvellous scene of nature! The beautiful variety and scope of colour in nature is here with Coal Harbour's sky blue in the foreground, famous Stanley Park in the immediate background, the Lions Gate Bridge farther off, and the North Shore mountains and blue sky (during the month of January it should be remembered we enjoyed less than eight hours sunshine) as background for it all. Truly, a billion-dollar view! (Further enhanced by the appearance of the District Forester's office windows a little to the left.) What a pity it is that these fellows have not the time to see more of it because of the heavy pressure of work as evidenced by their"attention baskets" being full to overflowing and their seeming devotion to duty. We are still unobserved and as there is no need to overtax our luck we had better work our way back towards the door.



Ah - now we are in front of the counter, and the five of them are still oblivious to our existence. So long, fellows, it would have been interesting to talk to them, but we might as well go back to the main office and inquire about them through Frank Williams, (we think that this may be taken as a fine example of "Poetic License")

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of the Management Office. So out of the door, down the hall - ah, there's Frank now. (I rather object to this inference. Although my desk is piled high, I haven't yet been forced out into the hall!) "Say, Frank, what's the matter with those draughtsmen? They didn't even see us. Are they too engrossed in their work? Hard of hearing? Asleep? All we heard in there was an occasional grunt. Can you explain what's up?"

"Well", Frank began, "probably they were upset at that picture and your visit to them with the photo as an introduction, and they were too disgusted to acknowledge you. As for the grunts, they were just audible emotional disturbances - George Anderson's pet peeves with the shortcomings of a Ranger's logging inspection report, or maybe George Birkenhead's feelings about a Victoria Office Clearance or Timber Sale Contract sketch. They are not really a bad bunch. Let's have a look at that picture again. Take this tall gal on the far right - name is Nancy Lorraine Barr, the newest member of the group. Nancy has been in the draughting business for several years and came to us from the Naval Drawing office at Burrard Dry Dock. Oddly enough Nancy's favourite hobby is commercial art (not bowling - yet), and at the moment she is busily engaged in overhauling the District cover maps.

On the far left of the photo we have Reg. Court. Reg. first worked for the Forest Service in the summer of '42, and shortly after left to have a crack at University. He was quite successful, obtained a B.A. degree, survived a Teachers' Training Course, but broke down after teaching school to Vancouver's younger generation and rejoined "the boys" in the Fall of '49. Since this time Reg. has been kept busy looking after our aerial photos, our maps and survey plans and, along with the rest of the staff, attempting to keep the inquiring public well satisfied.

That fellow sitting down, not seeming to mind having his picture snapped, is Eric Teit. Hailing from Merritt, B.C., (Surrey's Summer Headquarters?) Eric is the draughting room's expert on matters relating to the Interior of the Province. During World War II, Eric served in the Canadian Army Overseas, being attached to the First Canadian Air Survey Company, where he undoubtedly gained considerable experience of value in his present work. Eric has been with the Service for five years, and was recently induced to join the ranks of the Permanent Force Bowlers. Although his strong point is a skilful game of billiards, Eric's early bowling scores are very hopeful.

Standing beside Eric, to his right, is our George Anderson. George lives in West Vancouver, "the banana belt" of the lower coast. Actually this fact alone should be sufficient comment on George, for anyone acquainted with the perennial verbal feud between West Vancouverites and ordinary Vancouverites can well imagine the stiff battle George wages in support of the hometown. George's family are ardent skiers, and his two older children, Dick and Deirdre, have represented U.B.C. in this sport at several meets. George served in the Air Force during the War, and joined our group in '46.

Now for the remaining figure in the group. This serious and rather sad face belongs to the Dean of the Faculty, the solver of many problems, the Fount of Knowledge, and indeed Soothsayer, George Birkenhead, Supervising Draughtsman. How misleading photographs can be, for, contrary to this picture, George Birkenhead is as jovial and spry today as ever. Indeed, it is to him that all bowlers but one in our League must look up to - his 195 average being but a few points less than the high league average. George B. is the backbone of the Department. During his 30 years of duty with the Forest Service he has seen the draughting office grow from one man, himself, to its present size, and it has been during those years that he has gained his wide knowledge of forestry and the Government Forest Service.

Well, there they are, the draughting staff. All in all, as said before, "not a bad bunch". George Birkenhead and his Sunday Symphony Concerts, George A. and Time Magazine, Eric, fan deluxe of the New Westminster Royals, Nancy and her Art, and Reg. the enthusiastic bowler. They and we, the rest of the Vancouver Office, get along quite nicely, without too many squabbles. Indeed, amongst ourselves, morale is excellent; and theirs is the only department participating 100 per cent in the Bowling League.

Cheers, then, to our Draughting Room Staff.

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Stop Press News - Harrowing Experience for District Man

Technical Forest Assistant Paul Neil returned to the office a few weeks ago none the worse from a close call with the icy waters of Sullivan Bay. It seems that he left early one morning on a flight to our building project at Echo Bay in a wartime (1914-18) biplane flying boat. When landing at Sullivan Bay the starboard float hit a submerged log and a strut ripped through the wing fabric. The pilot "gave 'er the gun" and took off again, then winged his way towards Comox. Crash boats, fire engines, police, and ambulances were waiting to pick up the pieces.

Paul tells us that the passengers put on Mae Wests and kept their fingers crossed as the pilot touched down, good wing low. The co-pilot and crewman climbed out on the port side to keep it from tipping over. From Comox, Paul flew back to Vancouver and was soon back in the office.

When asked what kind of a plane it was, "Crash" Neil didn't know. He says "All I was interested in was to get the h... out of it!"

He still has not made his trip to Echo Bay, but we hope that when he does it will be less nerve-wracking.

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Staff Changes

April was indeed a month of many staff changes. Firstly, we wish to extend a welcome to:

Staff Changes (continued)

The new filing clerks, Miss Veronica Yzerman and Miss Theresa Foster, who were "taken on strength" early last month. Both girls are catching on to our intricate system very well and the rest of the boys seem to have taken a new "lease on life"....the new draughtsman (using the term very loosely) Miss Nancy Barr. Nancy is another who hails from the North Shore....The new members of our vouchers and scaling departments, Miss Iva Langton and Mr. R. Tretheway, who joined us on April 15....The new Supervisor, ex-Ranger Percy Sweatman. Percy is (literally) filling a portion of Cec. Frampton's chair and is helping with the administration of Section 113 of the Forest Act. Incidentally, Percy has returned to his "port of entry" in B.C. after spending 32 years, as of May 1, in the employ of the Service, "wandering the hills and dales of the B.C. Coast from Alert Bay to Victoria." It is noted that both Charlie and Cec. lack foliage on top; and it is hoped that Percy, who has a little, will not join the rest of the "snags" while undertaking his present duties.

Secondly, we have said "Goodbye" and "Good Luck" to:
Ranger Harry Stevenson, formerly in charge of R.D. #1, with headquarters at Chilliwack. Harry is one of the old-timers who began his service with the Department as a lookout-man in 1929. Harry "rose through the ranks", as the saying goes, and served as a patrolman and Asst. Ranger in 1930 and '31. After a four-year interlude, he was appointed Asst. Ranger at Westview, was transferred as Ranger to Port Hardy and then to Port Alberni, where he enlisted in the Armed Services in 1941. He resumed his field duties in October 1944 and was transferred to the Chilliwack area in 1950. Harry is planning on taking up residence in the Southern Okanagan, and we all wish him "The Best" in his new endeavours.

Don R. Pratt, the former junior member of the Draughting Staff who left on April 15 to take up new duties with the Home Oil Co....W. Millson, of the night scaling staff, who departed in order to fill a permanent position in the Court Registry Office.... Mrs. Kay McIntyre who left our Vouchers Department to return to Nelson.

And thirdly, on the evening of Monday, April 14, at 7:00 P.M., Ruth Dobell, billing machine operator in Scaling Office, and Ramon DeBrincat, were married at Christ Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Prior to the event Mr. D.B. Taylor, District Forester, presented Ruth with a very lovely pair of blankets on behalf of the staff. A honeymoon trip was planned on Vancouver Island. Best wishes, Ruth, and good luck to you both.

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A FISH TALE

by A.W. Bouch

Great was the excitement last month when the crew of the good ship "Syrene" spotted what appeared to be two coils of Caddy Boisterous (or is it Ogo Nogo?) peacefully bobbing up and down in Coal Harbour.

With visions of fame and fortune, headlines in the papers, and interviews by bearded professors of Un-Natural History, preparations were hastily made to capture him/her.

Whilst Bill, the deckhand, stood by with a pike-pole to repel the fearsome creature, Archie, the cook, hastily fashioned a running bowline from a link of sausages to lasso the Thing. I stood well back with my trusty camera ready to head the boys in a hasty retreat. (Mother always told me that discretion is the greater part of valour).

Suddenly an awful suspicion struck us and with visions of fame and fortune swiftly fading, another look through the glass, (binoculars, chum, not the one you're thinking of), confirmed that our "Caddy" was just a pair of truck tires lost overboard from some tug and floating on edge, the tops showing occasionally above the surface.

Being loyal civil servants anxious to save the taxpayers some $2.16 3/4, we glumly rescued our "Marine Monster" and nailed him to the jetty where he is now doing his duty as "fenders". And the once hilarious sailors retire again into obscurity, now and again casting an eye seaward in the hope of the real Pogo paying us a friendly visit.

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Extracts from our Courtenay Mail Box One Foggy Wednesday Morning

The following requisition from the Purchasing Commission was addressed to the District Forester, Courtenay, B.C.:-

To: Standard Brands Ltd.,
New York State, U.S.A.

Please supply the following and charge to the Attorney-General's Department:

1400 lbs. of Brewers Yeast. To be shipped as follows: 400 lbs. to Nelson; 400 lbs to Kamloops; 400 lbs. to Prince George; 200 lbs. to Courtenay.

For a while it looked like Courtenay would be a very popular place for the members of the Forest Service. After we had regained our composure and quenched our induced thirst with what we anticipated would be one of our last drinks of unadulterated water, we set about searching for a suitable oak barrel. However, an impasse was reached when a container of suitable size, correct texture, and sufficient vintage could not be had in our District, although free samples were offered to those who could offer hints as to where one might be found.

However, ultimately our search was not in vain, for it developed that the requisition in its natural state was intended for the local Fisheries Department, there to be wasted as fish-food. (Our dictionary does not indicate that yeast is used for fish-food; before such a vast quantity is misused, possibly the matter should be reviewed by beer-loving researchers). Now that the secret is out, everybody in town is applying for work with the Fisheries Department. As one old-timer mused, with a gleam of anticipation in his eye, "It looksh like a wondershul hic shummer for the shtalwarttsh of that Departshment".

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NEWSLETTER

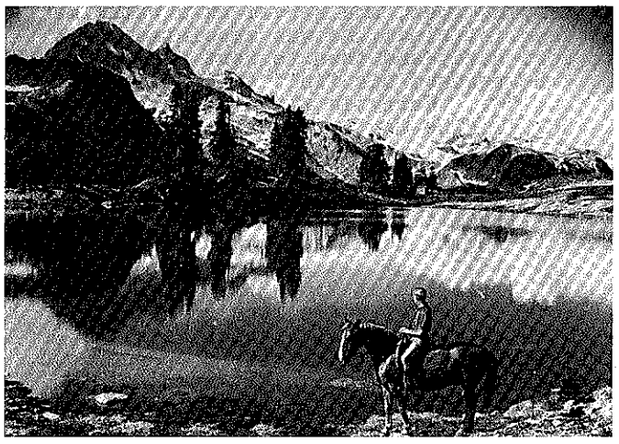
PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION

PROFOUND PARKS PARLEY PRONOUNCED PAINLESS, PROGRESSIVE, PRODUCTIVE

by Don Macmurchie.

Recreation Officers, Park Rangers, construction foremen, and maintenance supervisors from Prince Rupert and Wells Gray, from Manning and Cultus and Seymour, to Miracle Beach and Langford workshop gathered in Victoria, April 2, 3, and 4, in what was hopefully billed as the First Annual Meeting of Provincial Parks People.

How this momentous occasion, featuring one of history's greatest collections of dirt diggers, bird watchers, and snow schusers, wood butchers, visionaries, and bridge builders, could have escaped the eagle-eyed correspondent of this Newsletter has not been explained. Unfortunately, however, it did, - and now it befalls the Planning Section, of all people, to forsake dreams of the future for a moment and record for posterity some of the highlights of that historic event.



Dear Reader - when you tire of the story, just rest your eyes on this picture of Mickey Trew and Garibaldi Park. That's Mickey on top of the horse. Nice scenery though!

It was, of course, no surprise that The Chief found a few well-chosen words of welcome to open the meeting's first session. Nor was "Fin" McKinnon's "Review of the History of Provincial Parks", unexpected. However, many of the Division's newercomers received valuable information on the park movement in British Columbia from these speakers who have been closely associated with it from its beginning.

Cy. Oldham, began to bring the discussion down to cases with his remarks on the Division's place within the Forest Service and on broad policies.

One of the surprises of the meeting came when Don Macmurchie managed to terminate his discourse on the Functions and Responsibilities of Sections in something less than two hours. He had pointed to the interdependence of Reconnaissance, Wildlife, Planning, Development, and Maintenance, and to the need for co-ordination and co-operation between these vital organs when, mercifully, he stopped. Everyone appeared to be pleased!

The afternoon session was opened by Cy. Oldham's discussion of "Estimates and Projects for the Fiscal Year 1952-53" and Jim Bailey followed with an outline of the "Use and Distribution of Mechanical Equipment."

Frank Rainbow and George Nicholson drew attention to some of the problems of project foremen and equipment operation. Their difficulties seemed to revolve about two increasingly trying factors: the comparative inadequacy of Governmental pay scales and the need for acceptable accommodation for project employees.

On April 3, Ole Johansen, Bob Boyd, and Les Cook led discussions of Problems in Mt. Seymour, Manning, and Wells Gray Parks in the morning, and in the afternoon similar discussions on Cultus Lake, Peace Arch, and the Vancouver Island Parks were introduced by Frank McFarland, Sig. Kristjanson and Cec. Lewis.

While it is doubtful that completely new or previously unheard of problems were presented, the comments from these representatives of varied areas emphasized the diversity of uses of provincial parks and the complexity of their administration. Mt. Seymour's problems are those of snow-fighting and traffic control, of serving and satisfying large but intermittent crowds on skis. In Cultus Lake the problem is heavy summer use concentrated in a comparatively limited, undeveloped area. There is some vandalism and thoughtless misuse of inadequate facilities. Manning Park's most pressing problems revolve about the operation of the concession and, rather strangely, timber sales of one kind or another. Les Cook's troubles in Wells Gray Park are generally tied up with wildlife and fires and all the things entailed by those two little words. Cec. Lewis' problems in Vancouver Island parks are just people; people of all kinds wanting to do different things in the same place at the same time.

Ray Lowery spoke, very clearly, very forcefully, of the functions and general problems of the District Recreation Officer, and was followed by Bob Broadland who mentioned specifically some of the difficulties which had arisen during his experience in the Kamloops District.

In a brief talk, opening the morning session on April 4, Jim Williams, Forest Service Personnel Officer, spoke of man-management and urged supervisors to assume responsibility for sound utilization of the full abilities of subordinates. He likened the management of men to the use of tools and suggested that just as a good workman does not use an adze to hoe potatoes or a cross-cut saw to plane a board, neither does a good supervisor use the right man in the wrong job nor does he hurry to blame the man who is given a job beyond his capabilities. He pointed also to the care we take to sharpen and oil our tools and urged that we take as much care to see our subordinates are keen and ready for work.

David Monk, Public Relations Officer, emphasized the difference between public relations and propaganda and spoke of the responsibility of every public servant to foster a mutually beneficial relationship between his Department, Service, or Division and his employer, who is the Public. He pointed to the futility of attempting to

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substitute propaganda for efficient service and earnest integrity.

Billed to speak on Wildlife Concepts, York Edwards pointed first to popular misconceptions of wildlife management in a thought-provoking discourse which sent his audience away in a healthy state of curiosity. He questioned the advisability of unrelenting extermination of predators. He wondered whether,in the long run, hunters with their fire-arms are as destructive of wildlife as are farmers with their ploughs and their fences.

Friday afternoon was given over to visits to the Langford workshop, where Len Shaw, Joe St. Pierre, and their assistants demonstrated the machinery and organization which produce signs, tables, fireplaces, toilets and other furnishings for distribution to field personnel; and to tours of offices where visitors acquired further knowledge of the workings of Headquarters Sections.

Ches Lyons presided over all formal sessions and demonstrated a real genius for achieving and sustaining a neat and happy balance between studious propriety and reckless abandon. By one means or another he drew unsuspected talent from his unsuspecting associates and injected light-headed, if not light-hearted, amusement in what might have been a rather "heavy" programme.

After three days of discussions, beefs, squawks, arguments, and explanations, nerves were ragged. Throats dry, parched, tired and aching until all hands trouped out to Cordova Bay to rattle around in Cy. Oldham's big living-room and eat a sandwich. Nerves became reknit, in an atmosphere of friendship and hospitality -- after about three sandwiches throats began to heal and before the evening was over it was decided that you can have a party without dancing girls.

It is still hoped that that was the First Annual Meeting of Provincial Parks People.

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THE MASTHEAD STORY

On this edition we're sure we won't make a mistake like on the last issue when we carried a Masthead that had already been used once - even though it was three years previously. An unforgivable error!

John Rogers of Nelson has come through again with an attractive pen-and-ink sketch for this Masthead - "In The South Okanagan". Many thanks, John.

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SO LONG, BILL SPOUSE

On Tuesday, April 22, in the Deputy Minister's Office, a large group of old friends and Forest Service associates gathered to say, "so long and good luck" to W.C. (Bill) Spouse, Mechanical Superintendent, who left the Service to go into the automotive Industry.

In making the presentation of a beautiful, leather travelling bag and briefcase on behalf of Bill's host of friends throughout the Service, Dr. Orchard expressed the good wishes of all and pointed out that if Bill works as hard in business as he did in the Forest Service, he'll be sure to succeed.

BILL SPOUSE

William Collin Spouse was born on February 12, 1907, at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, England, and came to Canada, and British Columbia, in March 1911. He joined the Forest Service in 1937 and had been in the mechanical end of things right from the start.

So far as the Newsletter can find out at date of writing, Bill is contemplating moving his patronage into that land of Social Credit, Alberta, under the auspices of a well-known Vancouver machinery house.

Bill has been the mechanical "Prime Mover" in the Service for so long that it is difficult to imagine that department functioning without him. However, doubtless the wheels will continue to turn under different guidance. His enthusiasm and forceful personality were always most evident and beneath the ever-present pressure for efficiency and economy always lurked the other Bill who was the unfailing friend and soul of generosity. Old-timers will all feel that much has been lost when they learn of his severance from this Service.

The best of everything to you and your family, Bill, from us all.

Bill Spouse's successor as Mechanical Superintendent is A.B. (Bert) Crowe who has served as Assistant Superintendent for the last three years. Congratulations to you, Bert.

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